

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 216**SENATE BILL NO. 537****By Jackson, Ketron, Kyle, Wilder, Woodson, Stanley, Flinn, Marrero****Substituted for: House Bill No. 548****By Shepard, Todd**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to the punishment for animal fighting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-203, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(d) (1) An offense under subdivision (a)(4) is a Class B misdemeanor if the person is a spectator at a dog fight.

(2) Any other violation of subdivision (a)(4) is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 9, 2007



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2007



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR